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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-final Office Action dated May 17, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the remarks made herein, reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.